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TOWN OF NEW HAVEN

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen charge the town of New London, for the year 1876, as follows :

MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT.

Paid—N. T. Greenwood, Baptist society,	\$41.99
F. P. Messer, Otterville religious society,	17.65
C. C. Phillips, Scytheville Union society,	19.76
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	\$79.40

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid—Austin Goings, District No. 1,	\$131.52
Nathaniel Messer, “ 2,	147.31
Henry R. Gates, “ 3,	310.18
J. E. H. Shepard, “ 4,	183.60
Charles E. Folsom, “ 5,	192.68
Asa Ray, “ 6,	119.06
Wm. A. Messer, “ 7,	112.69
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	\$1197.04

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES.

Paid—Belden Morgan, putting up travellers on account road being blocked with snow,	\$1.00
Geo. M. Knight, administrator of H. W. Seaman's estate, taking care town farm	5.34
Auditor's bill, 1876,	2.00
Kiniston, for basket left at town hall , <i>Hall Farm</i>	.75

Paid—First National Bank, Nashua, collecting note,	\$.25
L. P. Gould, journey and expense to Grafton, to get affidavit and look up record in regard to Ben Fisk and family,	7.50
E. C. Eastman, check-lists and warrants,	2.70
E. A. Jenks, printing auction bills,	2.50
T. G. Powers, damage and expense on account of road being blocked with snow, 1873,	4.00
Austin Morgan, damage to sheep by dogs,	5.00
Mosen H. Haskins, damage to sheep by dogs,	2.00
Job Cross, damage to sheep by dogs,	4.50
James H. Merrill, damage to horse in snow Feb. 28, 1876,	3.00
Albert S. Worthen, work on highway,	4.50
L. P. Gould, " "	7.50
B. M. P. Stanley, " "	26.95
Jacob H. Todd, for work and plank for bridge,	6.30
Amos Hastings, work on highway,	12.50
Frank Pike, 543 feet plank for bridge,	4.34
Frank Jewett, for plank and stringers for bridge,	2.00
E. A. Todd, work on highway,	9.00
Baxter Gay, public watering tub,	3.00
Ephraim Knight, surveying new road from Gay road to Pleasant street road,	2.00
John Pressey, surveying town line,	2.00
Seth Littlefield, return to Board of Agriculture,	1.00
J. P. Elkins, record of births and deaths,	2.25
Frank O. Dow, for digging graves and driving hearse,	26.00
Selectmen expense perambulating town lines Nov. 1876, between New London and Sutton, Springfield, Sunapee and Wilmot,	43.00
L. P. Gould, two journeys and expense to Newbury, to collect bills,	8.00
L. P. Gould, stationery, postage, &c.,	3.61

Paid—L. P. Gould, three journeys and expense to Concord, to settle and collect sundry bills,	\$15.00
For record, invoice, collector, highway and surveyor books, and express on same,	10.30
Woodbury & Batchelder, printing town reports,	36.00
George M. Knight, expense taking Fisk girls to Grafton county farm,	13.10
County tax,	1,099.14
State tax,	1,288.00
Daniel S. Seamans, wood, oil, and care of town hall,	10.13
Nathaniel Messer, plank and labor on bridge,	3.11
George Woodward, services as town clerk,	11.50
Stephen C. Fletcher, S. S. Committee,	29.00
Daniel M. Annis, collector,	75.00
Seth Littlefield, services as selectman,	45.00
N. Addison Parker,	46.00
Leonard P. Gould, services as selectman, treasurer, overseer of poor,	92.50
M. W. Tappan, legal advice in Shepard road case,	29.00
Enoch C. Adams, land damage,	256.00
Shepard's execution,	92.79
L. P. Gould, building Shepard road,	124.32
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	\$3,480.38

NOTES, BONDS AND INTEREST.

Paid—Mary A. Messer, note and interest,	\$244.86
Lorinda M. Addison, town bond, No. 3,	100.00
Marcus Nelson, town bond, No. 19,	500.00
Charles D. Sargent, town bond, No. 45,	100.00
Charles D. Sargent, town bond, No. 46,	100.00
Mary A. Messer, town bond, No. 13,	100.00
Mary A. Messer, town bond, No. 11,	100.00
Mary A. Messer, town bond, No. 14,	100.00
Eugene O'Neil, town bond, No. 17,	100.00
Eugene O'Neil, town bond, No. 16,	100.00

Paid—J. W. Buswell, town bond, No. 24,	\$100.00
Interest on town bonds,	651.00
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	\$2,295.86

BREAKING ROADS IN WINTER OF 1875-6.

Paid—Charles S. Whitney, breaking roads,	\$17.69
James Morgan,	43.36
Walter Chase,	2.72
Amos Hastings,	42.56
Henry H. Longley,	21.79
George A. Messer,	4.00
Henry W. Putney,	5.00
Edmund Davis,	21.00
Rev. A. Farwell,	22.80
David Baldwin,	18.90
N. Addison Parker,	52.89
F. P. Messer,	12.00
Curtis Messer,	8.15
J. G. Everett,	31.00
J. E. H. Shepard,	15.18
Ai Worthen,	8.50
R. F. Sargent,	2.25
Nathan D. Pingree,	20.42
Nelson A. Todd,	49.45
Nathaniel Knowlton,	27.08
Amos Hunt,	2.25
Moses Messer,	34.27
Austin Morgan,	16.96
Edward A. Todd,	16.40
Anthony C. Burpee,	28.60
L. P. Gould,	23.20
Nathaniel C. Todd,	18.35
Luther McCutchins,	8.00
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	\$574.77

PAUPER BILLS.

Paid—Micajah Morgan, for Fisk girl,	\$21.61
Albert Preston, for Fisk girl,	31.61
Assistance to Charles E. Fletcher,	5.00

Paid—J. D. Sargent, balance due boarding	
Quincy Sanborn, 1875,	12.00
Hardy & Morey, order for M. Ring,	9.00
J. H. Burpee, “	1.20
Assistance to Amos Hunt,	18.08
Assistance to Walter Chase,	28.00
Walter Chase, board of Giles Fletcher,	21.25
Transient paupers,	26.00
Dr. Elkins, medical attendance paupers,	9.25
Assistance to transient paupers,	6.50
Amos Hunt, board Saunders,	52.04
Clothing, and repairing shoes for same,	4.15
J. S. George, board Currier George,	52.00
O. K. Russell, bill for C. George,	10.65
Dr. Whipple, medical attendance, George,	10.00
Joseph C. Adams, board and clothing,	78.04
<i>For 2 H Adams</i>	
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	\$396.34

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Paid—Charles E. Folsom, for Dist. No. 5,	\$100.00
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid—L. S. Perkins, on poll and personal property,	\$5.15
Walter Chase, taxes 1875,	5.03
George Saunders, poll tax 1875,	1.22
John Seamans, poll and school house tax,	1.36
John Trussell, over tax,	3.66
Charles S. Whitney, over tax in 1874–75,	4.88
Walter Chase, tax in 1876,	4.51
E. P. Blood, over tax,	1.69
Van. Hart, poll tax,	1.21
John J. Holbrook, poll tax,	1.21
Henry R. Todd, over tax,	2.42
Charles S. Whitney, over tax, 1876,	3.63
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	35.97

LOSSES.

Counterfeit money in Treasurer's hands in 1873,	\$10.00
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1877.

March 1. Cash in hands of Treasurer, \$378.30

\$8,548.06

RECEIPTS.

Received of—E. A. Todd, note and interest,	\$31.90
Keniston, for ash tree on town farm,	1.50
Albert S. Worthen, pasturing steers	
1875,	5.00
Francis P. Messer, note and interest,	37.60
James Morgan, note and interest,	33.12
F. & D. F. Chase, note,	90.00
New London Scythe Co., notes and	
interest,	1344.56
Horace Clark, note and interest,	25.60
Grafton County support of Benj.	
Fisk family,	66.37
Sullivan County assistance C. E.	
Fletcher,	5.00
Charles Crockett, note and interest	29.04
Jerome B. Worthen, note,	25.00
State Treasurer, railroad tax,	136.72
State Treasurer, savings bank tax,	441.89
State Treasurer, literary fund,	89.10
Literary fund in 1875,	85.14
J. D. Fisk, for brick, 1874,	2.40
John M. Messer, cash,	2.30
Henry R. Davis, cash,	12.00
Austin Goings, cash,	1.50
Micajah Morgan, note and interest,	52.86
L. P. Gould, note and interest,	41.67
Merrimack County, support of pau-	
pers,	317.24
Will N. Hayes, endorsed on note,	101.70
Micajah Morgan, endorsed on note,	98.75
Collector,	5,251.13
Cash on abatements,	35.97
Use of Town Hall,	2.00

Received—Bills and coupons paid by M. Morgan after March 1, 1876, received as cash,	181.00
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	\$8,548.06

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Town bonds outstanding,	\$8,000.00
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Means of paying the same :

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$378.30
Due on Collector's bond, 1876,	1,180.92
Notes,	391.33
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	\$1,950.55
Indebtedness of town, March 1, 1877,	\$6,049.45

We certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the selectmen and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

N. T. GREENWOOD, }
EDWIN A. JONES, } *Auditors.*

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LEONARD P. GOULD, }
N. ADDISON PARKER, } *Selectmen*
SETH LITTLEFIELD, } *of*
 } *New London.*

New London, March 2, 1877.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Very little occurs in one year in our country towns to make the report of schools differ from those of preceding years. A few practical suggestions and a brief summary of the work done is all that we shall set before you.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Austin Goings, prudential committee. Three terms aggregating twenty-eight weeks. The first two terms were under the instruction of Miss Emma Wheeler. Two terms in this school is all she has taught.

Third term taught by George Merriam of Colby University. This was the first experience of Mr. Merriam. There has been good work done in this district and for teachers of so little experience, the result has been excellent. In regularity of attendance, the pupils of this district surpass all others.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Nathaniel Messer, prudential committee. Two terms, nineteen weeks. Summer term taught by Miss Mattie Pillsbury. This term was a very pleasant one. Teacher, pupils and parents laboring together for a good school. Good work was done by all. The class in grammar and analysis passed an examination superior to any other class in town for the year.

Winter term taught by P. T. Smith. A good school was expected with a teacher of Mr. Smith's energy, experience and acquaintance with this district, nor was there in the result anything to disappoint us. The large number of classes makes the work very hard. Great excellence was shown by the reading classes.

DISTRICT No 3.

Henry Gates, prudential committee. Summer and fall terms, twenty-six weeks, taught by Mrs. F. H. Keil. Mrs. Keil was personally acquainted with the pupils of this district, and could start the school very much as one who had been teaching in the district, and from the first the school steadily advanced. Drawing and music received special attention and added much to the pleasure and profit of the school.

Winter term taught by W. E. Piper. Mr. Piper labored with great earnestness for the advancement of his pupils and has the elements of a very successful teacher. He only needs experience. The scholars did not enter into the work as did he and the school was not a perfect success. It is one sufficient explanation of this result, that this is the only district in town that has no name on the Roll of Honor. If parents and scholars have not interest enough to secure regular attendance, no teacher can be blamed for failure.

DISTRICT No. 4.

J. E. Shepherd, prudential committee. Three terms, twenty-one and one half weeks. First and second terms taught by Miss A. L. Cheney. She took charge of this school the two terms preceding this year and from her acquaintance with the scholars and experience in teaching made the success in these two terms greater than that of any other school for the same time. In penmanship and reading there was special excellence.

Winter term taught by Miss Addie A. Rand, accomplished all we could expect. It was a short term, in the worst part of this terrible winter. The examination showed that the few weeks had been profitable and the work well done. Lucy N. Shepherd of this district ^{is} the only scholar in town attending three terms without being absent or tardy.

DISTRICT No. 5 (*Scytheville*.)

Charles Folsom, prudential committee. Three terms, twenty-eight weeks. Several circumstances made this school at the commencement of the year the most unpromising one in town. The frequent changes of residents in this as in all manufacturing places, and especially the coming into the common school of several who have attended the select school in this village,

Roll of Honor, No. 12

brought together the greatest variety of text-books probably ever seen in a school of its size. It was next to impossible to have anything approximating a perfect class arrangement, but the judicious management of the teachers, aided by the parents, brought this school into very good order. Miss Hattie E. Webster taught the first two terms, working earnestly and faithfully with very satisfactory results. Miss Mattie Calef, who taught the winter term, brought experience to her work and was successful. The improvement of this school was greater than of any other in the town.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Asa Ray, prudential committee. Two terms, twenty-one weeks. Miss L. S. Knowlton, the teacher of last year, taught both terms. It has been a profitable year with this school and very great advancement was made by the majority of the scholars. In this school are found the most advanced scholars in our common schools, and though the number of scholars is small the work required is not less than in any other district. But for changes in scholars this school would have equalled the school in No. 7. It certainly stands next to the first place.

DISTRICT No. 7.

William Messer, prudential committee. Two terms, twenty-three weeks. The two terms were taught by Miss B. J. Baker. This school has been the most profitable in town and as a whole stands at the head in point of advancement, discipline and arrangement of classes. Everything conduced to this result. The school was found in good condition. The teacher brought experience and faithfulness to her work. No change of scholars during the terms, and those entering at the winter term came into the classes of the summer without any confusion, and thus every day told favorably and every recitation had time to accomplish the thorough mastery of the principle under consideration.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS.

Visit the schools more. I think in this regard there has been improvement this year. More than three hundred visits have been made, but this number is much too small. Visit the

school every term, if possible be present at examinations. Especially does it seem to me prudential committees should occasionally look into the school room, but with the exception of Seytheville and No. 6 this has been neglected.

SCHOOL ROOMS.

Look after these. Are they such as they should be to have the right influence upon the children? Next to rooms at home these are moulding the tastes of pupils. Look at them and see that they are cheerful and inviting. I do not recommend extensive repairs or large expenditures. Two coats of whitewash, one or two coats of paint, a new door, clean new curtains if not blinds in nearly every district, would add a large per cent. to the result of the school. In several districts a new threshold would keep out much cold, and if the house is banked in the fall the comfort and health of pupils would be secured. The house in No. 6 deserves to be declared unfit for use, were it not for the fact that the school is all in the summer and fall. But something ought to be done very soon. The windows should be let down and with a new floor, new desk and new benches, this might be the pleasantest school room in town.

HIGH SCHOOL.

We should give our children superior advantages could a few be taken out of every district and put into a higher grade of school. It would increase largely the usefulness of the district school, and at the same time help our more ambitious scholars to attain greater advancement than is possible in the present grade. A large number of this class avail themselves of the advantages of the Institution, and probably a larger number than before will now, as tuition is reduced. But a town like ours ought to make it possible for all, persons in moderate circumstances as well as the rich, to obtain as complete an education as is given in village high schools.

Congratulating the citizens on the harmonious action of all interested in the schools, that has carried us through a year without a single complaint coming against any teacher or pupil, I have the honor to submit this report.

STEPHEN C. FLETCHER,

New London, N. H.

ROLL OF HONOR.

This list is made as complete as teachers' returns admit, and is believed to be correct. Every scholar named here has been in school one term without being absent or tardy. Those marked with a * have been one year without absence or tardiness. Those marked with a † two terms out of three.

FLORA B. MORGAN,	† EDGAR SARGENT,
* ALBERTIA M. KNOWLTON,	† FRANK SHEPHARD,
FRED W. GOINGS,	† CHARLIE SHEPHARD,
CHESTER MORGAN,	SCOTT R. GOULD,
WILLIE JOHNSON,	ARTHUR J. GOULD,
HERBERT PARKER,	† EDWARD A. FOLSOM,
CLINTON PARKER,	† WALTER S. WHITNEY,
PAGE MESSER,	LORA FOLSOM,
ALICE E. MESSER,	LAURA A. MESSER,
† ELLEN CROWLEY,	LIZZIE E. MESSER,
ELIZA CROWLEY,	CYNTHIA M. PUTNEY,
* LUCY SHEPHARD,	ELLA M. HUNTING,
† ADA ANNIS,	CORA E. BUNKER,
† WINNIE ANNIS,	* CLARA B. MESSER,
† LUCY MORGAN,	* MYRTILLA K. MESSER,
CARRIE E. WHITNEY,	EVERETT CARR,
ALICE L. GOINGS,	GEORGE H. FRENCH,
DELIA M. GOINGS,	CHARLIE ADAMS,
FRANK M. GOINGS,	† HARRY P. CRAFT,
FRED A. LAW,	BERT. E. HUNTING,
ELI D. MESSER,	HERMON P. MESSER,
ERWIN PRESTON,	BENNIE F. SARGENT,
RALPH W. PRESTON,	ALSTON S. MESSER,
WM. E. STANLEY,	GEORGE HAYES.
EDWARD F. GOINGS,	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Terms.	Name of Teachers.	Length of School in weeks.	Teachers' wages per month, including board.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	No. not attending.	No. attending private sch's.	Visits of Supervisor.	Visits of Prudential Com.	Visits of citizens.	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Physiology.	Algebra or Composition.	
1	First.	Miss Emma Wheeler.	8	\$18.00 10	10	94 1/2	4	0	0	0	0	4	10	6	7	2	2	0	0	0	0
	Second.	Miss Emma Wheeler.	8	18.00 11	11	84	4	0	0	0	0	5	11	8	9	5	2	0	0	0	0
	Third.	Mr. George Merriam.	12	30.00 12	12	9	1	0	0	0	0	18	12	12	12	4	6	2	0	0	0
2	First.	Miss Mattie Pillsbury.	12	20.00 21	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	15	21	5	11	2	5	0	0	0	0
	Second.	Mr. P. T. Smith.	10	35.00 33	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	33	33	33	2	10	0	0	0	0
	First.	Mrs. F. H. Keil.	8	36.00 35	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	33	35	18	28	12	6	0	0	0
3	Second.	Mrs. F. H. Keil.	6	36.00 35	30	3	2	0	0	0	0	8	33	34	14	30	16	11	3	0	0
	Third.	Mr. W. E. Piper.	12	48.00 27	23	3	4	0	0	0	0	25	27	27	15	26	11	10	4	0	0
	First.	Miss A. L. Cheney.	9	32.00 20	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	20	20	14	18	5	5	3	0	0
4	Second.	Miss A. L. Cheney.	6	32.00 22	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	22	22	17	21	5	3	3	0	0	3
	Third.	Miss Addie A. Rand.	6 1/2	28.00 22	19	5	0	0	0	0	0	23	22	22	16	20	8	7	0	0	0
	First.	Miss Hattie E. Webster.	8	26.00 29	27 3/4	4	0	0	0	0	0	13	29	29	17	16	12	2	0	0	0
5	Second.	Miss Hattie E. Webster.	10	26.00 29	21	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	29	15	21	15	3	5	0	1
	Third.	Miss Mattie Calef.	10	30.00 23	18	17	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	19	20	17	17	15	4	0	1
	First.	Miss L. S. Knowlton.	9	20.00 11	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	11	11	10	11	4	0	1	0
6	Second.	Miss L. S. Knowlton.	12	22.00 16	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	15	16	16	7	4	1	0	0	3
	First.	Miss B. J. Baker.	10	22.00 13	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	25	13	13	7	7	3	4	1	0	0
	Second.	Miss B. J. Baker.	13	24.00 20	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	17	20	20	14	17	6	9	1	0	7



